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DOUBLE JEOPARDY

THERE IS A GIFT OF GREAT **POWER**, GRANTED TO WORTHY DEFENDERS IN THE ENDLESS BATTLE AGAINST EVIL.

THE GIFT IS CALLED THE **DRAGON FORCE**. ITS PREVIOUS GUARDIAN, **SENSEI**, PASSED THE GIFT TO THESE MEN, **JAMES** AND **WILLIAM LEE**.

THEY ARE THE FIRST TWINS EVER TO POSSESS THE **DRAGON FORCE**. IN THEIR HANDS THE **DRAGON'S** AWESOME POWER IS **DOUBLED**.

SENSEI HAD PLANNED TO SPEND THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS INSTRUCTING THE BROTHERS IN THE SUBTLETIES OF THE **DRAGON FORCE'S** USES.

FATE, HOWEVER, HAS OTHER PLANS...

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SENSEI'S MEDITATIONS ARE UNEASY THIS EVENING. HIS KI IS DISTURBED BY A FAINT BUT PERSISTENT TINT OF DANGER.

SENSEI TAKES THE THREAT SERIOUSLY AND REFOCUSSES HIS CONCENTRATION. ALTHOUGH HE NO LONGER POSSESSES THE DRAGON FORCE, HE IS STILL ATTUNED TO IT.

BUT PERHAPS NOT ATTUNED ENOUGH. ONCE, THE VOICE OF THE DRAGON WOULD RISE IN SENSEI'S EAR. NOW, HE CAN BARELY DISCERN THE DRAGON'S WHISPER...



"...SOMETHING IS WRONG."

GREETINGS, SENSEI!

SILENCE, WILLIAM. I SENSE GREAT DANGER. I MUST CONCENTRATE...

--AND, IT HAS ELUDED ME. WHERE IS YOUR BROTHER? PERHAPS THE TWO OF YOU CAN--

--THE WHEREABOUTS OF MY "BROTHER" ARE THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES, OLD MAN.

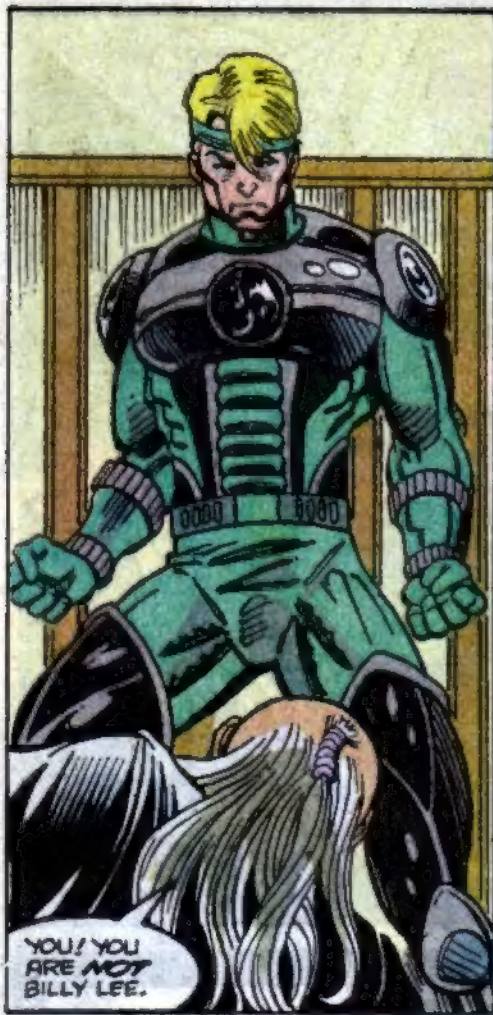
WHY WOULD YOU SPEAK SO TO ME? IS SOMETHING WRONG?

NOT PARTICULARLY--

--WHY DO YOU ASK?

NNNNH!

CHOK



YOU! YOU ARE *NOT* BILLY LEE.

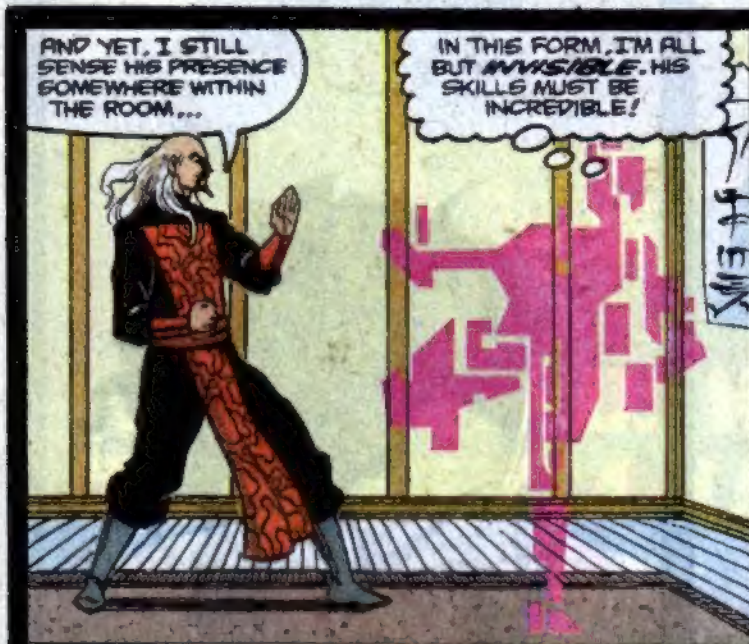


NO FLIES ON YOU, GRANDPA.



AT LEAST, NOT YET.

WE HAS VANISHED!?

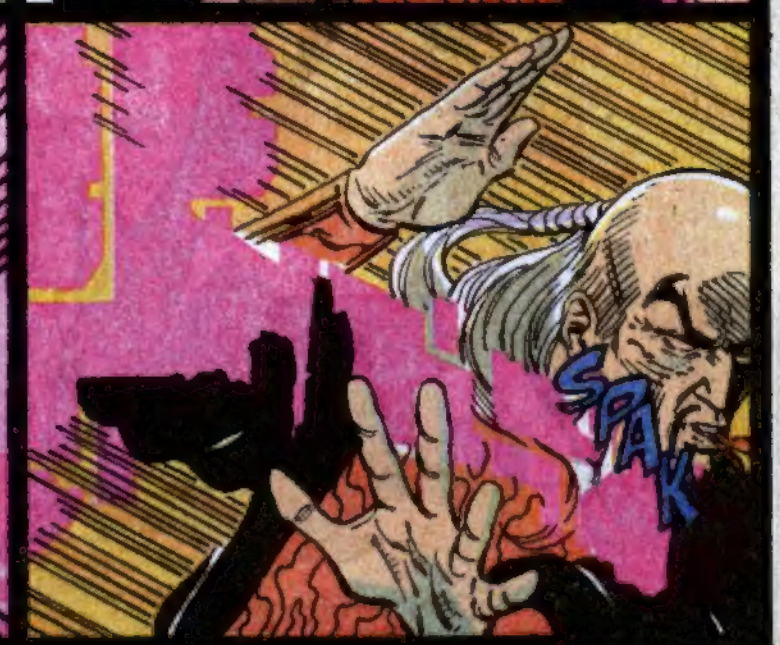


AND YET, I STILL SENSE HIS PRESENCE SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE ROOM...

IN THIS FORM, I'M ALL BUT *INVISIBLE*. HIS SKILLS MUST BE INCREDIBLE!



ALL THE MORE REASON TO FINISH THIS *QUICKLY*.

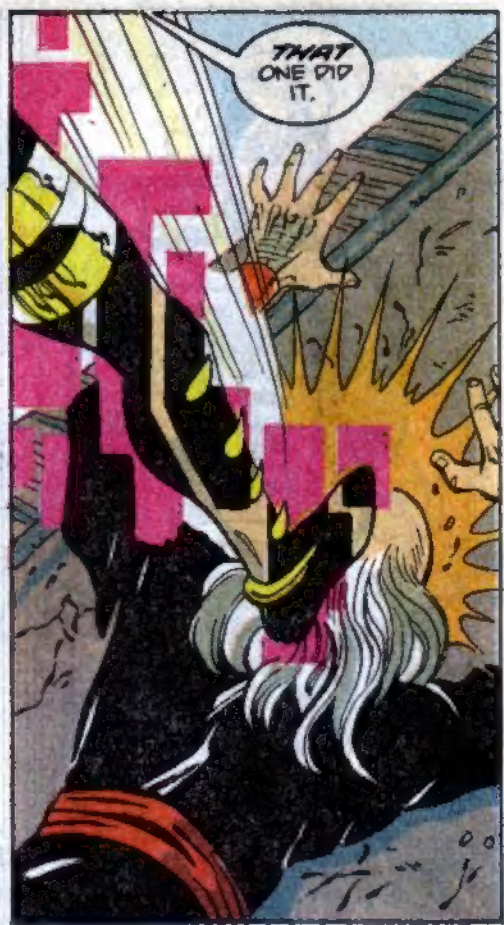




GEEZ! HOW MANY SHOTS CAN THIS GEEZER TAKE?



KRAK



THAT ONE DID IT.



HE PUT UP AN AWFULLY GOOD FIGHT, BUT THERE'S NO DEFENSE AGAINST **STELTH!**



AND NOW, THE GREAT DRAGON STATUE IS **MINE!**

AND **NIGHTFALL** WILL PAY ME ANY PRICE TO HAVE IT!

IN ORDER TO RESCUE THEIR FRIEND, POLICE-WOMAN MARIAN STEELE FROM CERTAIN DEATH, THE DOUBLE DRAGON HAVE JUST RUN A GAUNT-LETS LEFT FOR THEM BY NIGHT-FALL, OVERLORD OF CRIME IN THE CITY OF OLIGOPOLIS.

JIMMY! THE SPEED LIMIT'S STILL 75! SLOW DOWN!

SPARE ME THE TRAFFIC SAFETY LECTURE, WILL YOU? SENSEI'S IN DANGER, AND THE DRAGON STATUE'S BEEN STOLEN.

AND WITHOUT THE DRAGON FORCE, WE ARE NO MATCH FOR THOSE WHO WOULD ENSLAVE THIS CITY.

OTHER THAN THAT, THOUGH...

...IT'S BEEN A GREAT DAY.

NO!!

THE STATUE IS THE SOURCE OF OUR POWERS. WITHOUT IT, WE NO LONGER CONTROL THE DRAGON FORCE!

AS THE DRAGONS FOUND OUT LAST ISSUE... EVAN

SENSEI!!


WHO DID THIS TO YOU?

NOT NOW, BILLY. WE MUST GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL!

NO. I WOULD NOT SURVIVE BEING MOVED.

I HAD HOPED TO TEACH YOU A GREAT DEAL MORE. SADLY, NOW THERE IS TIME FOR BUT ONE LAST LESSON.

YOU MUST LISTEN CAREFULLY, YOUNG DRAGONS...

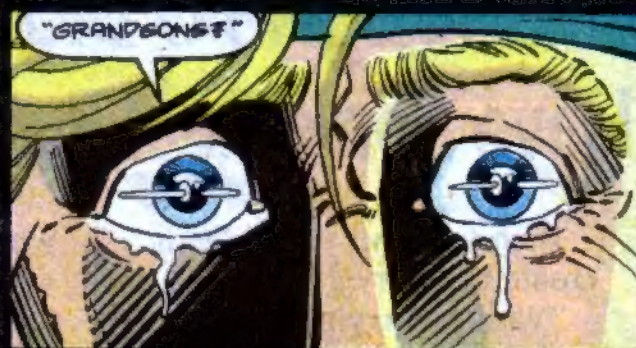
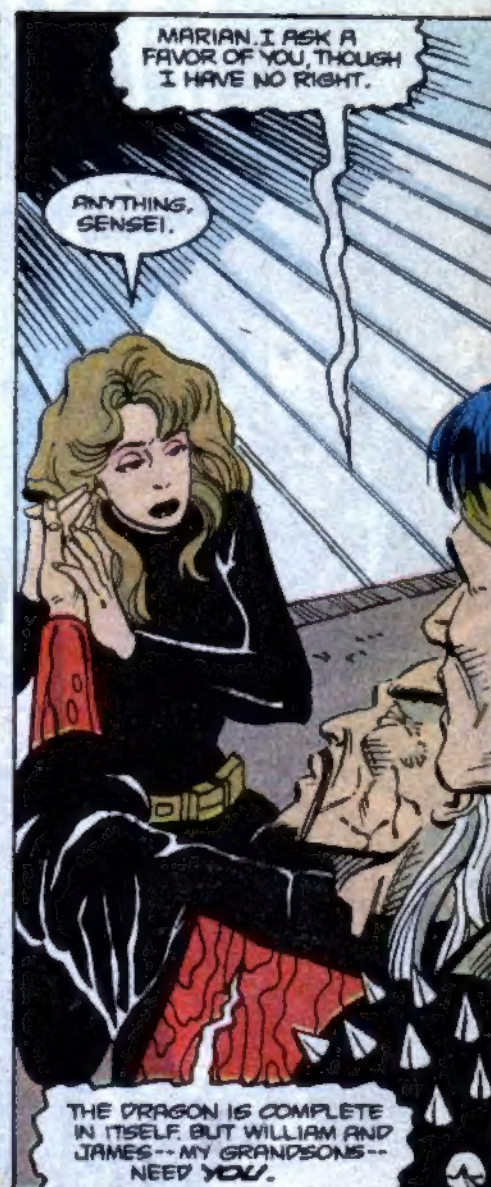
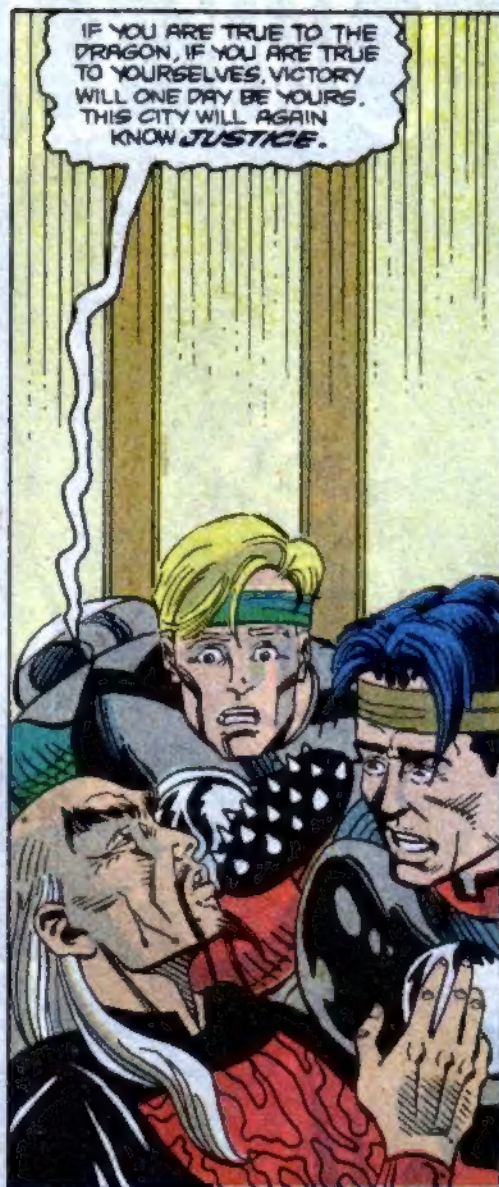


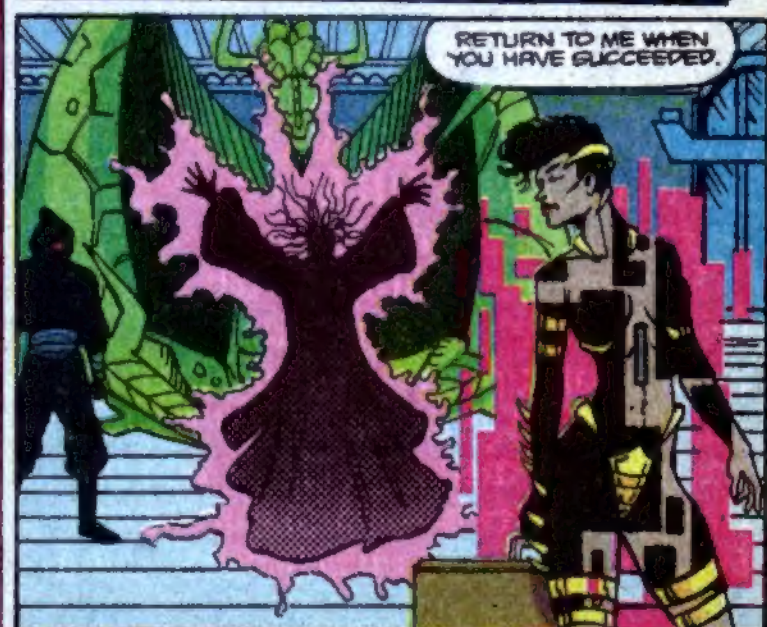
"YOU TWO ARE BUT THE MOST RECENT BEARERS OF A PROUD TRADITION. GENERATIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN GIFTED WITH THE POWER OF THE DRAGON FORCE. ALL HAVE SWORN TO USE THEIR GIFT FOR THE GREATER GOOD."

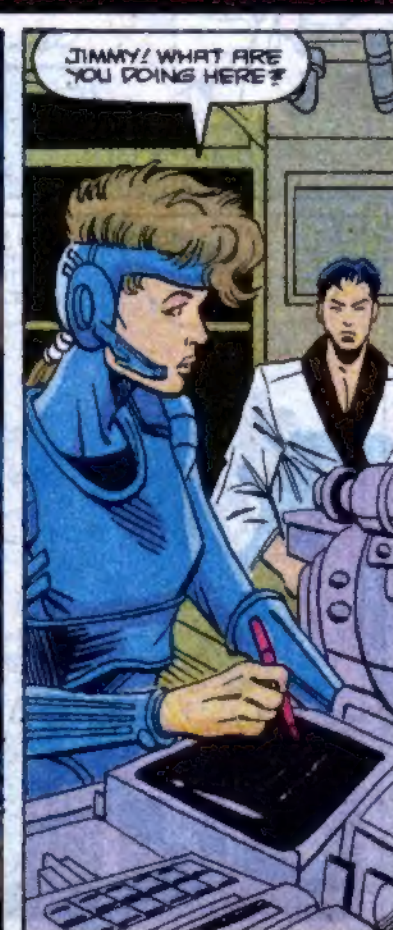
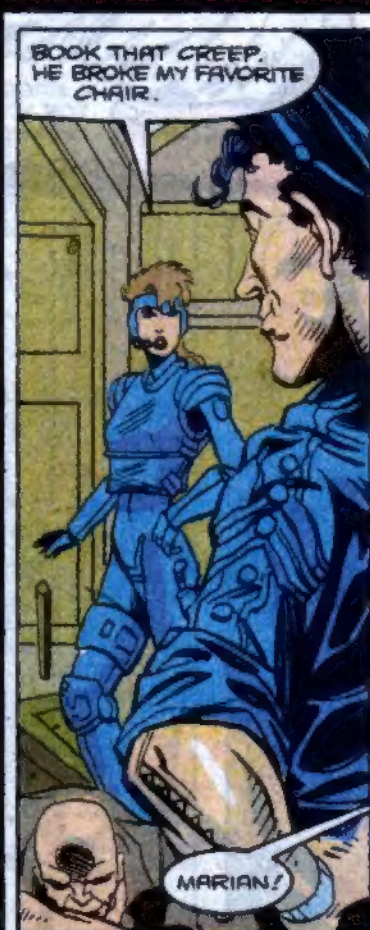
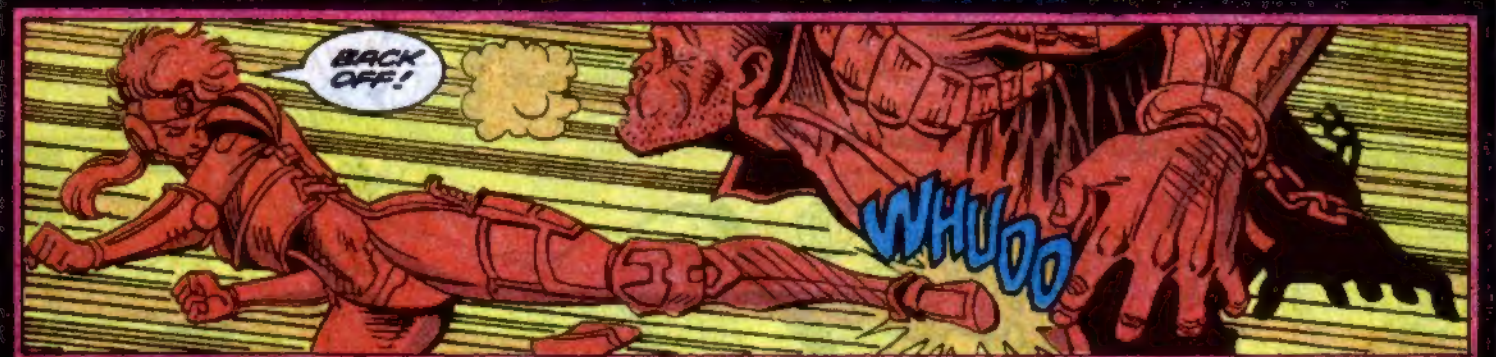
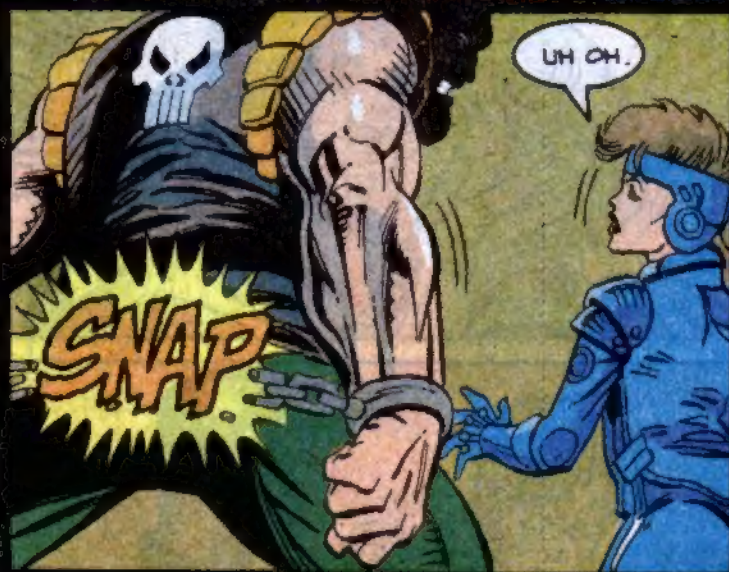
"IT ~~WAS~~ MY WISH TO TEACH YOU ALL OF THE ABILITIES THE DRAGON FORCE GRANTS YOU. THIS IS NOT TO BE."

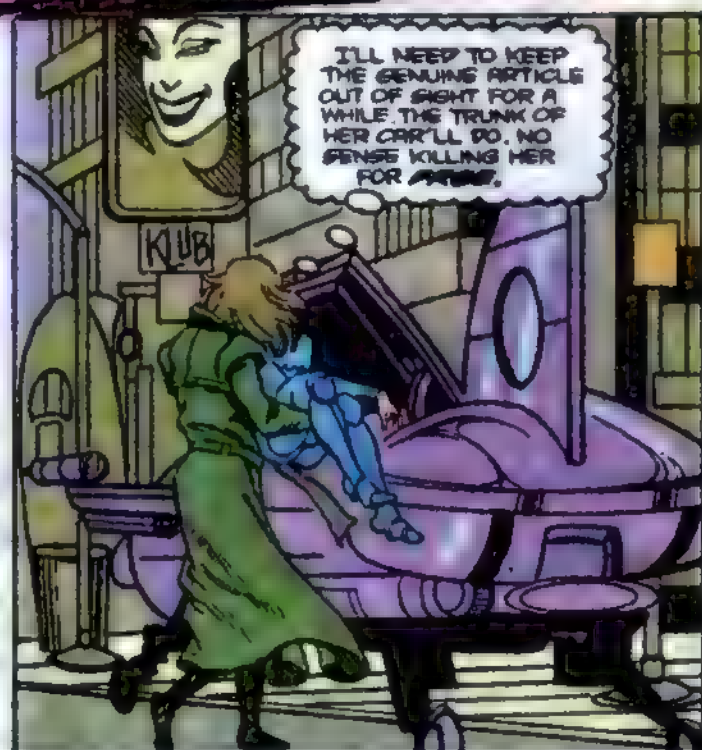
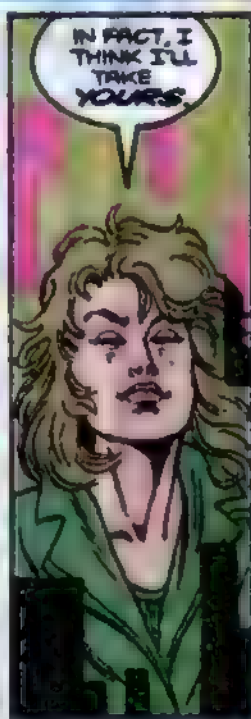
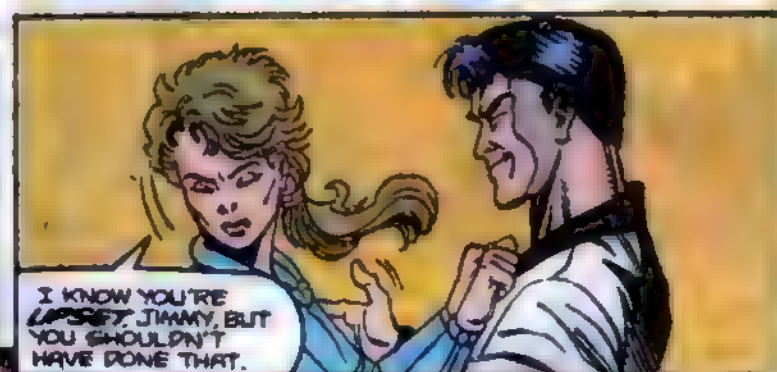
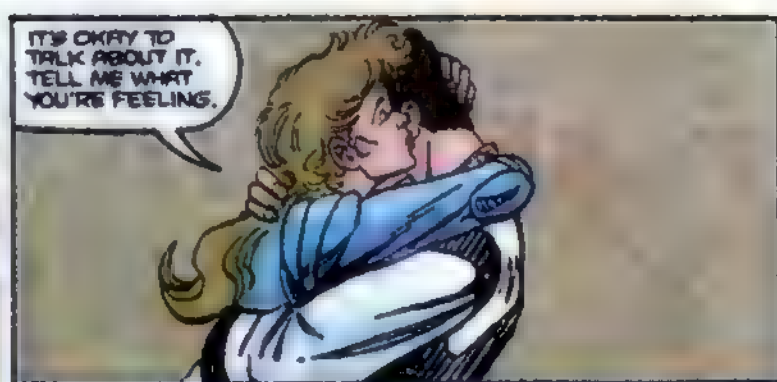
"PERHAPS BY DISCOVERING YOUR POTENTIAL YOURSELVES, YOU CAN TRANSCEND WHAT WE HAD BELIEVED TO BE THE LIMITS OF THE DRAGON'S POWER. PERHAPS NOT."

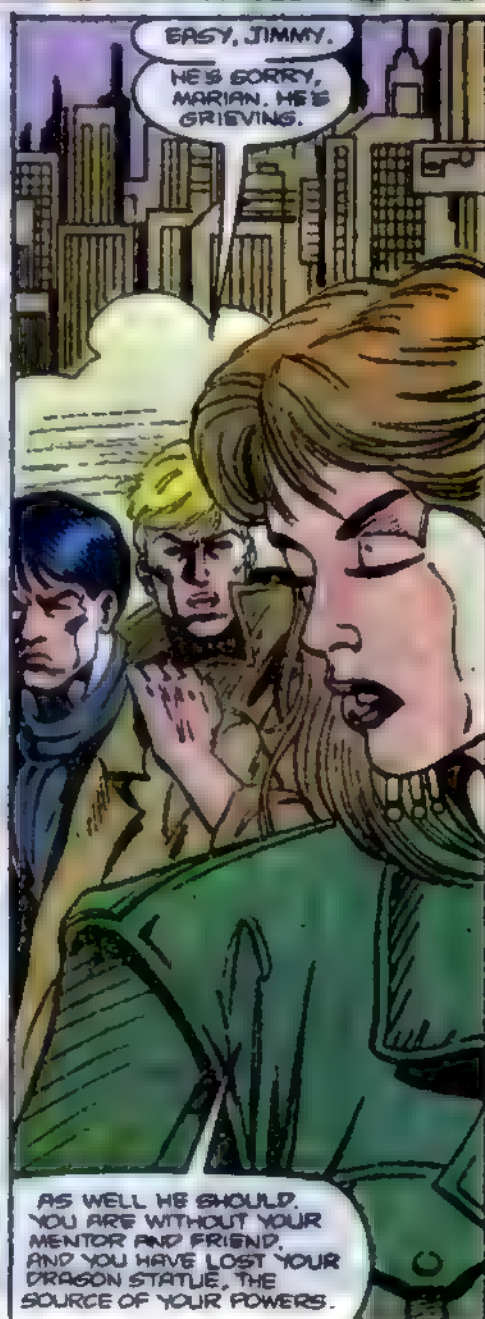
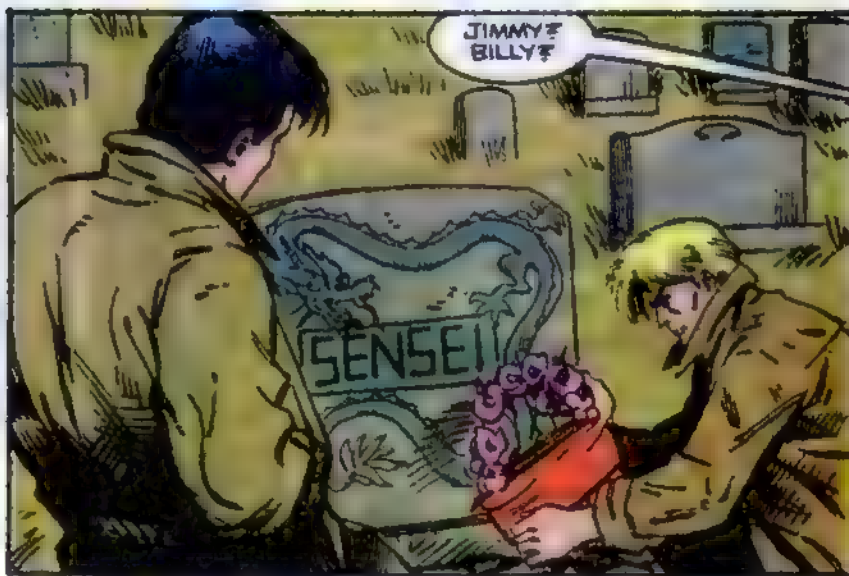
"I DO KNOW THIS, YOU TWO MUST ALWAYS FIGHT AS ONE. AND YOU MUST ~~NEVER~~ GIVE IN TO DESPAIR."

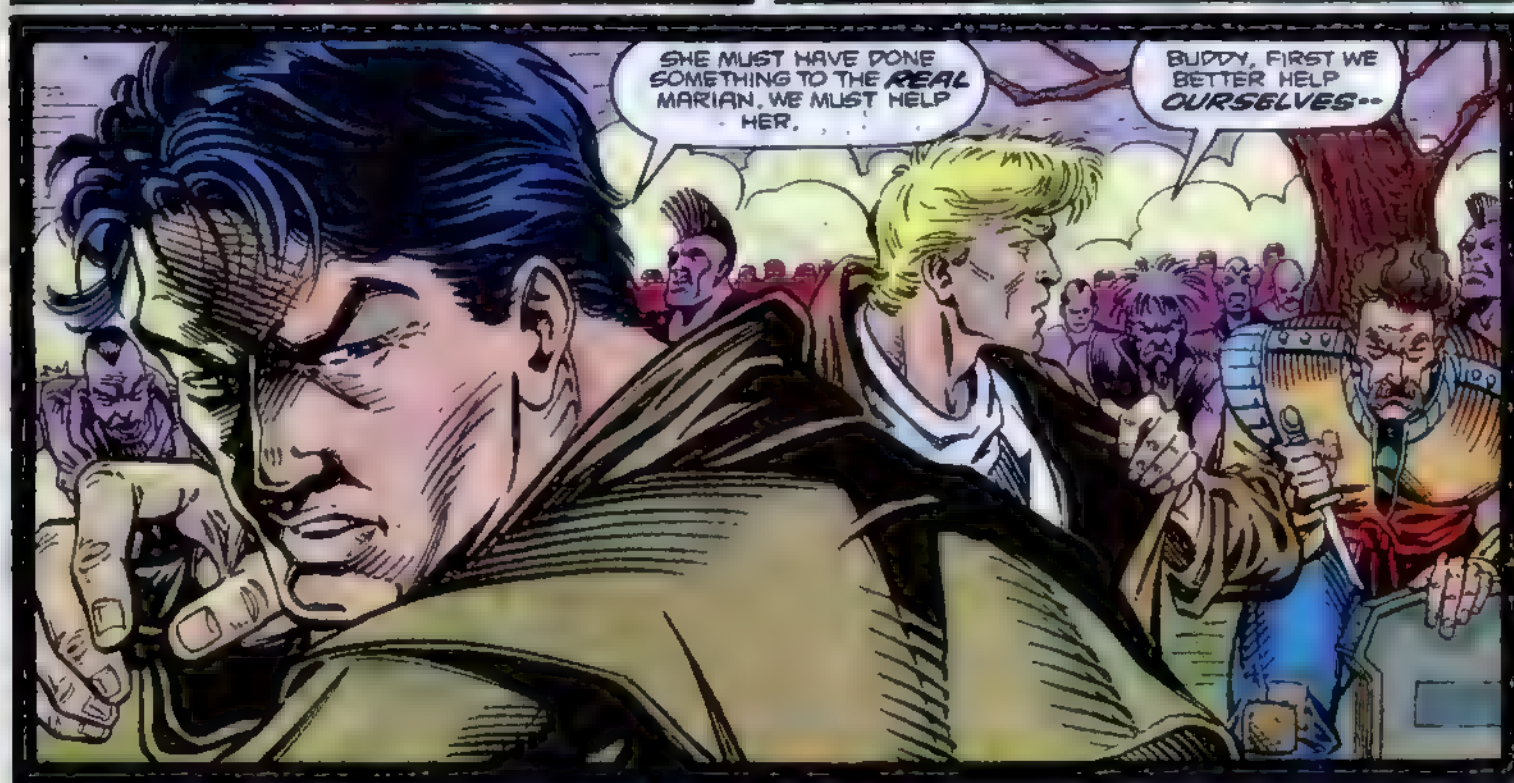
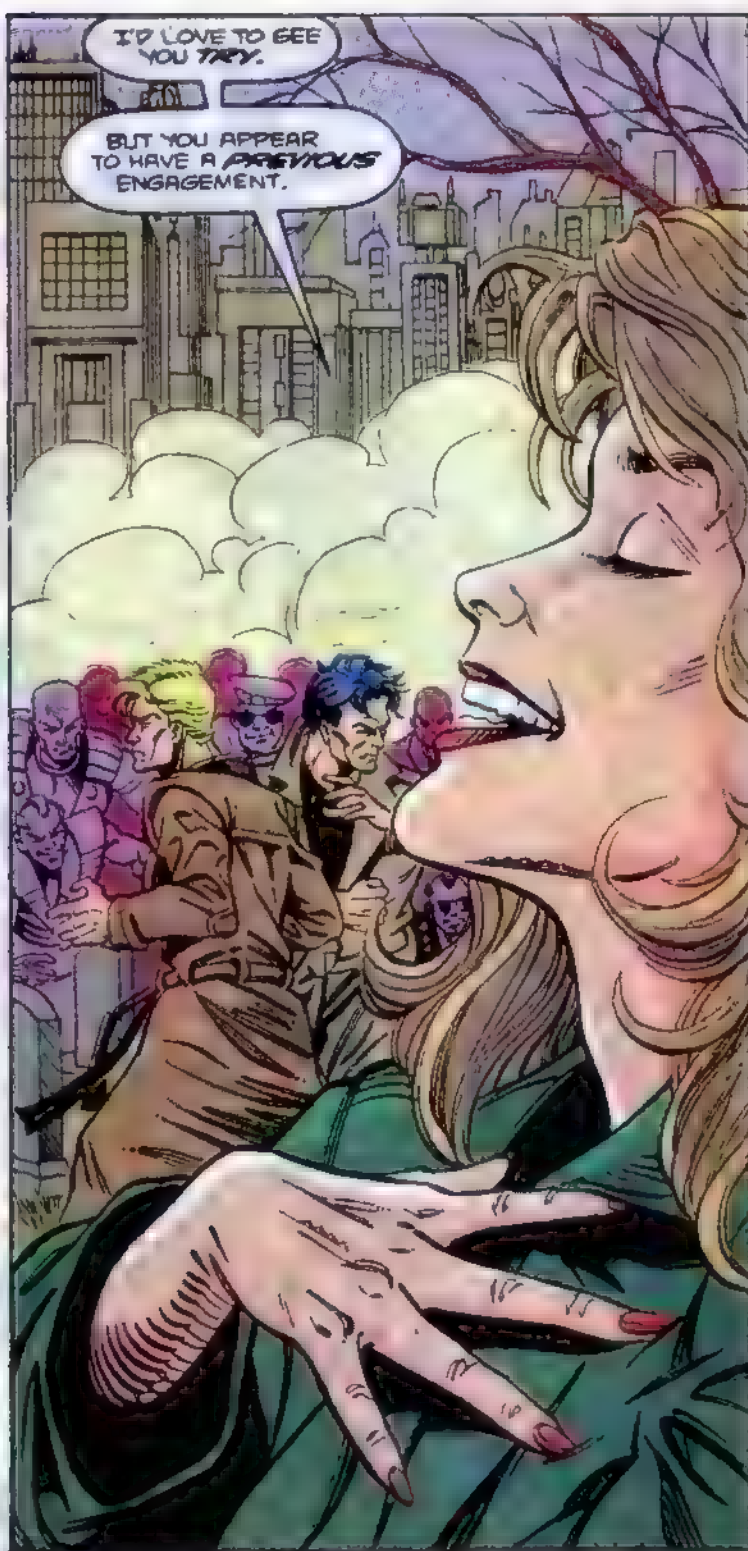






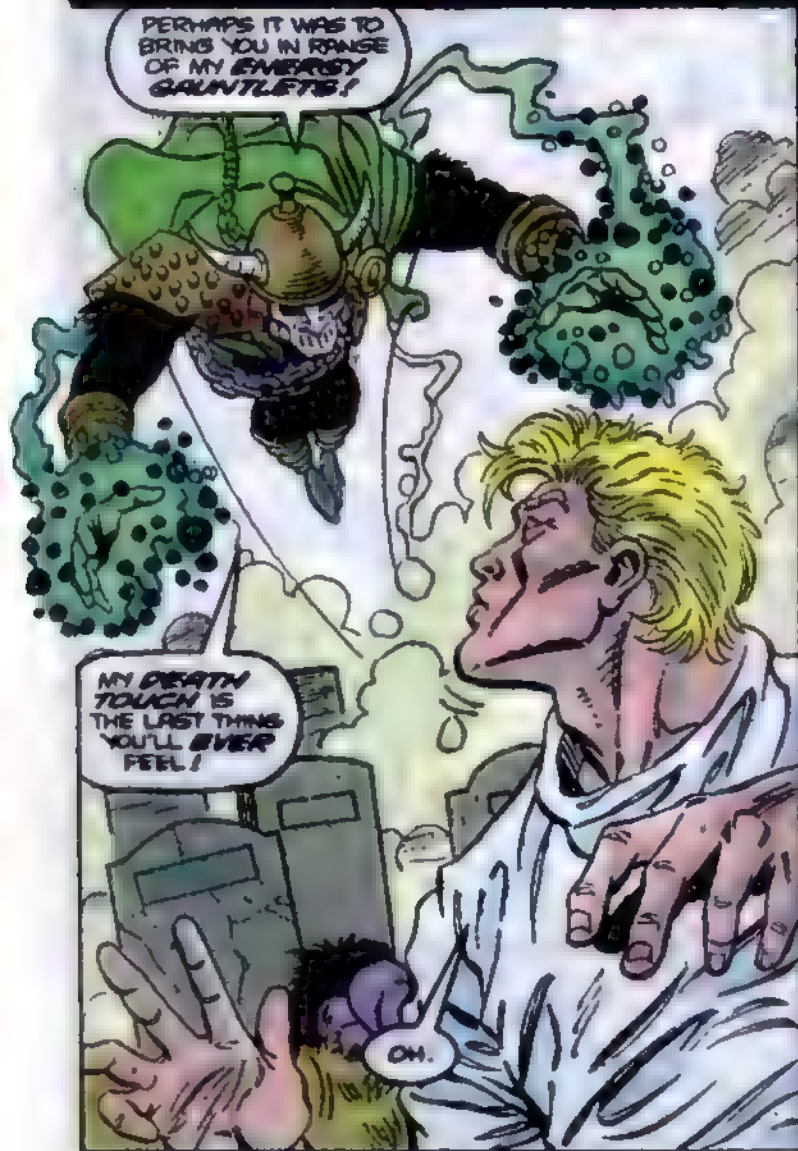




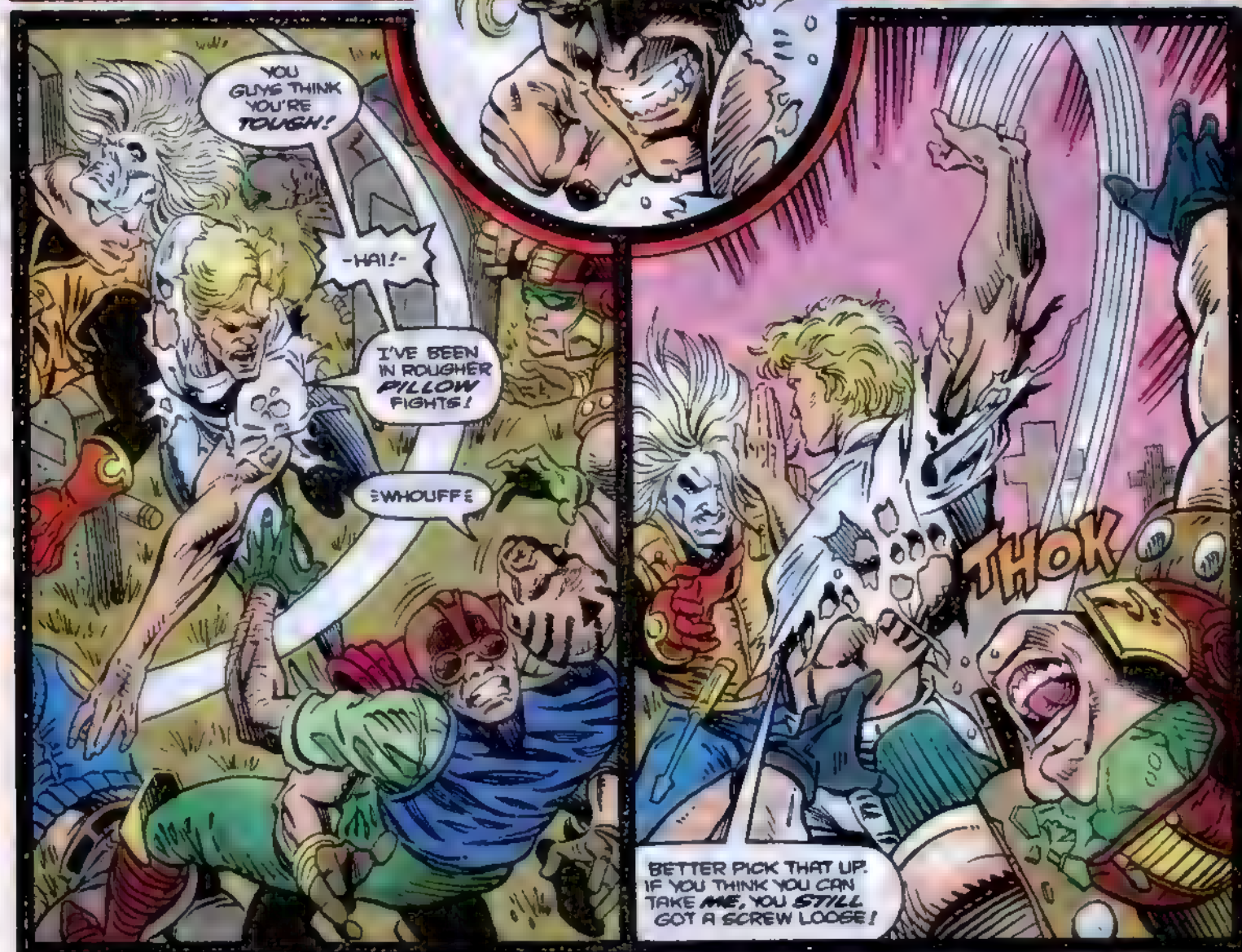


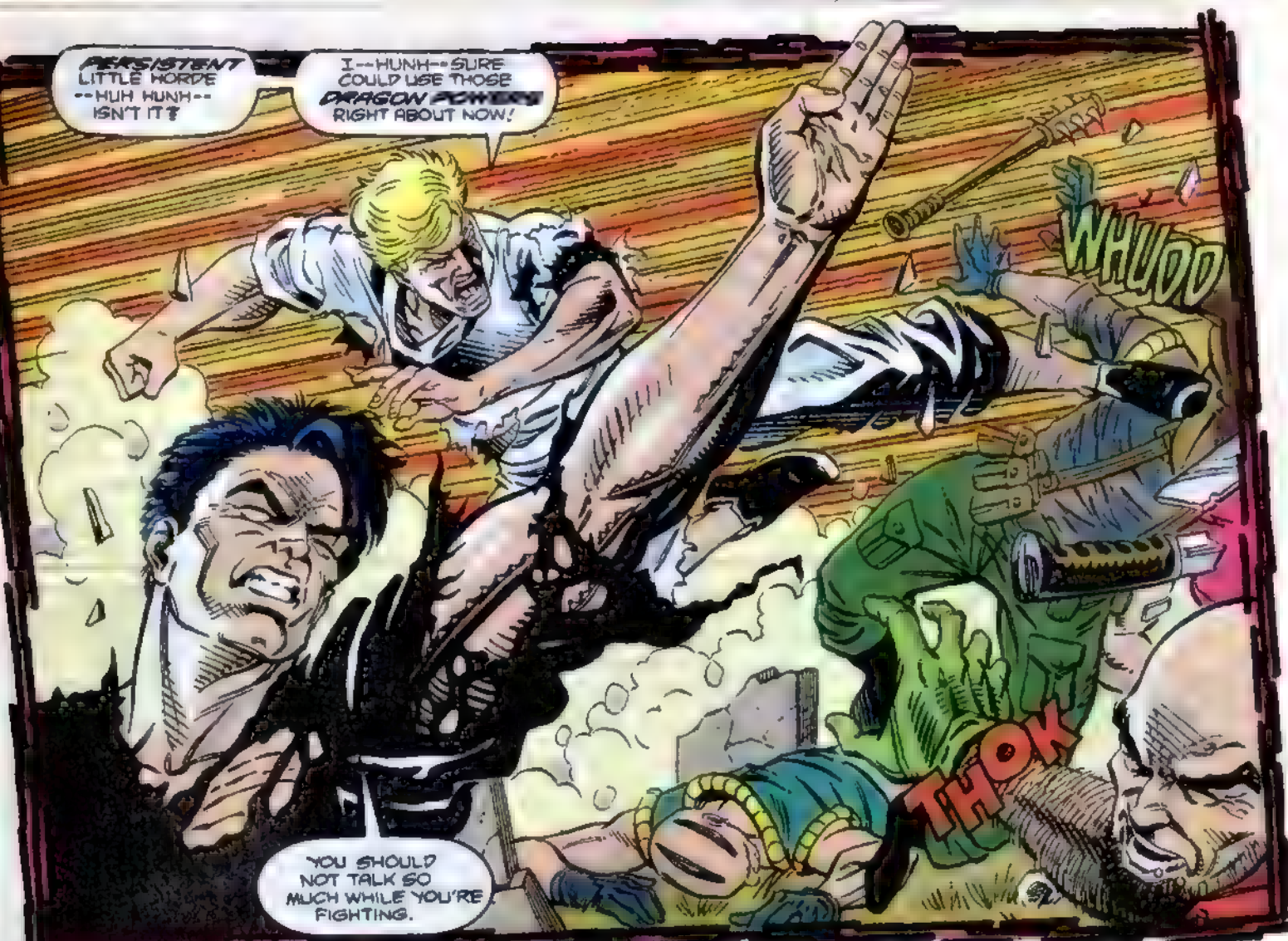












PERSISTENT
LITTLE HORDE
--HUH HUH--
ISN'T IT?

I--HUH--SURE
COULD USE THOSE
DRAGON POWERS
RIGHT ABOUT NOW!

YOU SHOULD
NOT TALK SO
MUCH WHILE YOU'RE
FIGHTING.

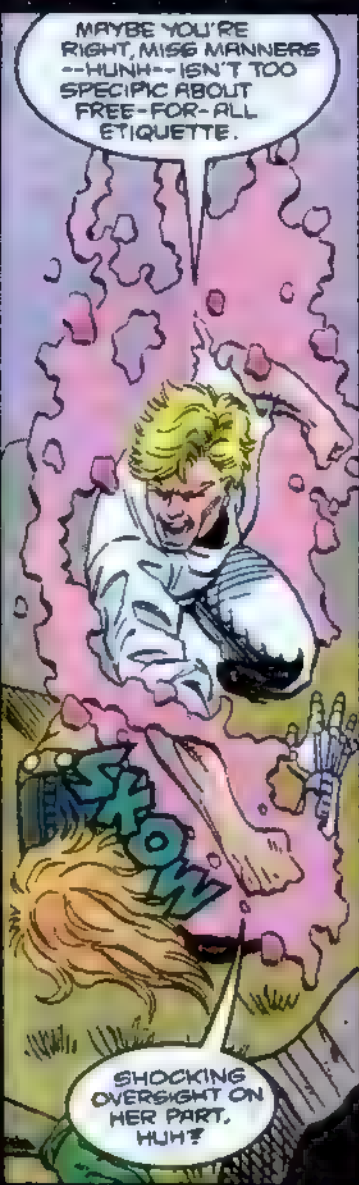
WHUDD

THOK



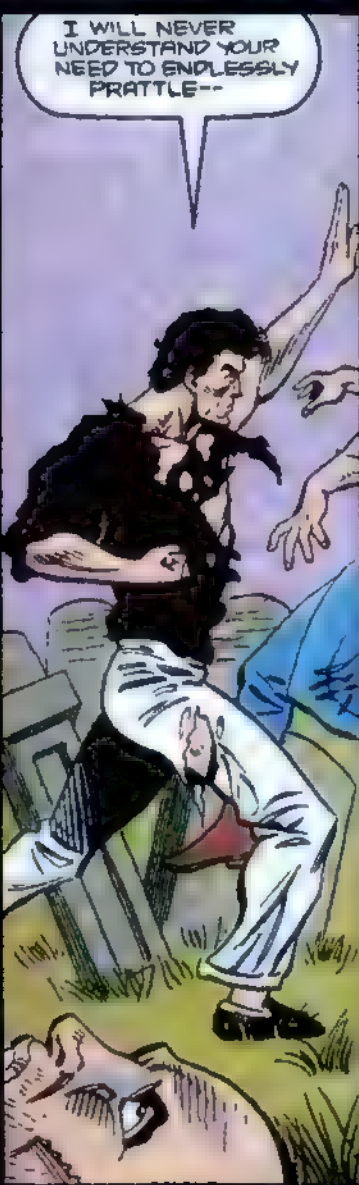
WHY? YOU THINK
--HUH--OUR PLAY-
MATES'LL CONSIDER
ME RUDE?

WHUMP



MAYBE YOU'RE
RIGHT, MISS MANNERS
--HUH--ISN'T TOO
SPECIFIC ABOUT
FREE-FOR-ALL
ETIQUETTE.

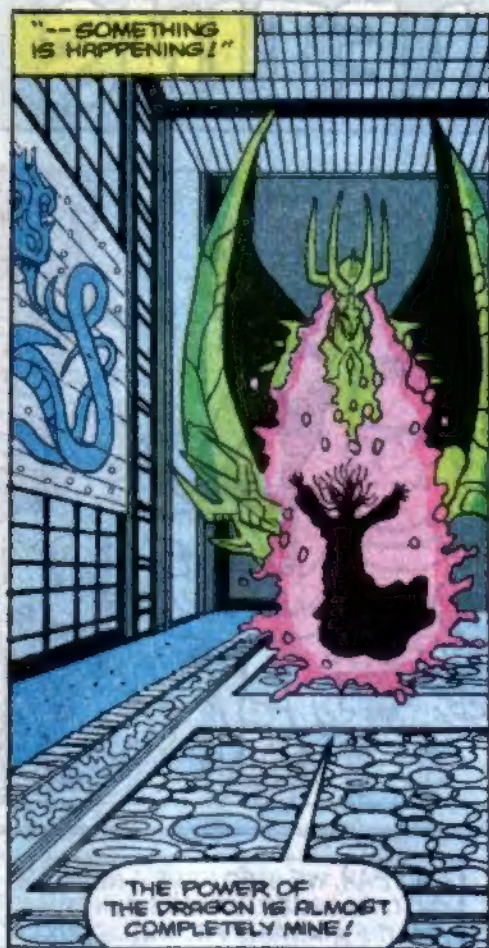
SHOCKING
OVERSIGHT ON
HER PART.
HUH?

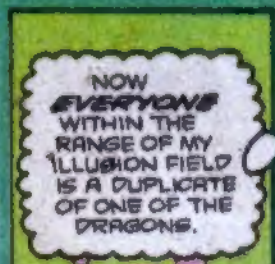


I WILL NEVER
UNDERSTAND YOUR
NEED TO ENDLESSLY
PRATTLE--



BILLY?
CAN YOU
FEEL IT?





UNTIL, OUT OF THE THREE HUNDRED-ODD MEN WHO BEGAN THE BATTLE, ONLY TWO REMAIN STANDING.


HEY, "JIMMY"!

THE ODDS OF MY BROTHER AND I BOTH SURVIVING THAT FIGHT WITHOUT OUR POWERS IS PRACTICALLY NIL.

THEN YOU MUST BE AN IMPOSTOR. PERHAPS YOU ARE STELTH, HERSELF.

JUST THE KIND OF THING I'D EXPECT HER TO SAY.

THIS WORKED OUT BETTER THAN I HAD HOPED. BOTH OF THE REAL DOUBLE DRAGONS DID SURVIVE. NOW BROTHER WILL KILL BROTHER. THEN I WILL KILL WHOMEVER REMAINS. THE FINAL VICTORY IS MINE!



SO, YOU
READY TO
RUMBLE?

ALRIGHT
THEN,
"BROTHER",
TO THE
DEATH!

NEXT:

IT HAD TO HAPPEN! BROTHER AGAINST
BROTHER--IN THE MARTIAL ARTS BATTLE
OF THE CENTURY! BE HERE IN THIRTY DAYS
TO SEE! "ONE DRAGON ON THE GROUND!"